Philippine Tariff Bill Taken Up in the Senate.

URGENT DEFICIENCY IN THE HOUSE

Representative Robinson Opposed to Granting Sick Leaves.

THE IRRIGATION QUESTION

In introducing a bill in the Senate today for the reclamation of arid lands, Mr. Hansbrough (N. D.) said that it was a measure unanimously agreed upon by the senators and representatives in Congress of thirteen states and three territories. He had been directed by the conference, he said, to introduce a bill. A synopsis of the measure appears in another column.

A resolution offered by Mr. Mitchell (Ore.) calling upon the Secretary of War for complete information regarding the transport service of the United States was adopted.

Bills Passed.

At the conclusion of routine business number of private pension bills were passed, also the following: To amend an act authorizing the construction of a railway, wagon and pedestrian bridge over the Missouri river near Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb., extending the time for the completion of the work; authorizing the construction of the following bridges, over the Missouri river at St. Joseph, Mo.; over the Arkansas river, in Arkansas, by the Memphis, Helena and Louisiana Rail way Company; over the White river, in Arkansas, by the Memphis, Helena and Louisana Rallway Company; granting to the White River Rallroad Company the right to construct a single railway track across United States lands in Independence county, Ark.; extending the time for the con-struction of a bridge across Bayou Barthol-omew, in Arkansas, by the Mississippi River, Hamburg and Western Railway Company; appropriating \$150,000 for each for the erection of public buildings in Muncie, Ind., and Anderson, Ind.; appropriating \$150,000 for the establishment control and maintenance of the northern branch of the national home for disabled volunteer soldiers at Hot Springs, S. D. with an additional appropriation of \$20,000 for transportation of inmates; appropriating \$70,000 for the erection of a public

building at Bluefield, W. Va. To provide suitable bronze medals for the survivors or their heirs of the officers and crews of the United States vessels of war Cumberland, Congress and Minnesota; appropriating \$400,000 for the erection of a public building in Wheeling, W. Va. Senator Lodge on the Philippines.

At 2 o'clock Senator Lodge took the floor to speak on the Philippine tariff bill. He said the United States rights in the Phil-

ippine Islands were settled.

Mr. Lodge reviewed briefly the past method of the government of the Philippines by the United States, and then took up the recent Supreme Court decisions holding the Philippines to be domestic territory, and all duties levied upon articles There was also, he said, doubt whether the tariff adopted for the islands themselves would stand without further action of Congress. There was, however, under the Supreme Court decisions, no

doubt of the right of Congress to act.

Mr. Lodge called attention to the neces sity of coastwise legislation for the islands said that the tariff as fixed by the Philip-pine commission had been established only after the most careful investigations covering several months, and it was obvious to the committees of the two houses that they could not hope to improve upon that

Mr. Lodge said that to discriminate in favor of the United States on products going to the Philippines would diminish the revenues and would break down the policy of the "open door." The United lent diplomacy accomplished the establish ment of that policy in China, and China would be for years the most important market for products of the United States. duction of the Dingley rates to the extent of 25 per cent, saying that the committee had not felt it wise to make a further re-

duction. The exaction of the r maining duty could not be considered on ous in view of the fact that all the moneys thus collected would be returned to the Philip Mr. Lodge said that the removal of the

export duties did not affect the open door policy; if it did he would oppose it. Nor could the policy give offense to Spain under the treaty between that country and this He defended the policy of the free importation of hemp. Mr. Rawlins' Remarks in Opposition.

After reviewing the bill proposed by the majority of the committee Mr. Rawlins said it must be plain that the majority measure the policy proposed by the majority. War, insurrection, brigandage, robbery and assassination would continue. Industry and trade would be paralyzed. Waste of blood and treasure would continue. The horror of the situation, now indescribable, would

The Philippine commission, he asserted, desired to have large sums of money for expenditures. There was no limit to the commission's power to multiply offices, employments and salaries. It owed no re sponsibility, he declared, to the Filipino One of the necessary results, he program" was that the officers in the isl ands would replenish their fortunes and then return to this country to live in afflu-

"Look," said he, "at the conduct of our agents in Cuba stealing the trust funds committed to their care. Examine the proother officials in far-distant Alaska. Conspiracies to commit a larceny of wealth seem to become predominant. The policy outlined by the majority proposes a permanent institution of the practice of

He declared that the object of the measstruct and destroy trade with the islands by placing embargoes upon it. These methods, he insisted, would incite the islanders to further hostility and insurrection. great army now maintained in the islands vas insufficient to protect life and property. He ridiculed the plan of campaign ador by the army in the Philippines and denounced the "finesse" by which Aguinaldo was made a prisoner. It was idle, he said. would ever forgive us or look upon us as

After reviewing briefly the origin of the insurrection Mr. Rawlins said it was not too late yet "to fulfill our pledge to accord to them their independence. It is not yet petbagger and remove the islands from fu-

ture exploitation." This exploitation, he declared, would re sult in the control of everything in the is-lands by trusts. When the Philippines be-came thus "trust-infested" the result could

be forecasted readily. The Democratic Proposition.

"The democratic proposition," said he, "is that tariff should be imposed for revenue, the duties to be so adjusted as to operate equally throughout the country and not to discriminate between class or sec-

"The proposition which the minority submits, if adopted, will prove a simple and fective remedy for the troubles which afflict us. It proposes to relinquish the is-lands. It proposes so long as we continue in possession of the Islands there shall be freedom of trade between them and the United States. When the United States withdraws from the islands and they assume in all respects the attitude of a for-eign country they will be subject to the

gan introduced a bill today to relieve the "Let the Isbmaelite go. Otherwise the burden of our difficulties will grow. Taxes, like the Old Man of the Sea, will hang upon our backs end the gory head the gory head the gory head the sort he gory head the sort he gory head the sort he gory head the g

DISCUSSED BY LODGE of the republic may be raised upon a pike as a terrible warning to any who would struggle to be free."

Sibley (Pa.) made a general speech in op-

Mr. Sibley said every one who had wit-

nessed the tests knew the wonderful pro-

ductive results of irrigation, but he be-

lieved the whole question was for another

generation. Members representing an agri-

cultural constituency should oppose a measure which involved the expenditure of

untold millions to be taken by taxation from all. He spoke of the decline in value

of farm lands in eastern, middle and south-

ern states, yet this was a proposition to open up hundreds of millions acres more

to be in open competition with these farms. "Let us wait," said Mr. Sibley, "until our

increased population shall so expand that these lands shall be needed to meet the de-

mand for a greater food supply. To my mind, if we undertake the present accomplishment of irrigation we shall be pressing a poisoned chalice to the lips of the farming classes in this nation, which if it does

not kill them, will at least leave them for

Mr. Newlands on Irrigation.

Mr. Newlands (Nev.), an earnest advocate

of the irrigation of arid lands, replied to

Mr. Sibley. He explained the provisions

of the bill which it was proposed to pre-

sent to the House, to show that it would

not create a charge on the public treasury,

but would employ only the fund raised from

clamation. He argued that the irrigation

a threat against the farmers of the older

states. While there were 600,000,000 acres of arid land in the west he said there was

not water enough to reclaim more than 70,-000,000 acres, an area twice as large as

Iowa, and generations would be required to

Mr. Mondell (Wyo.) also defended the re-

Opposed to Thirty Days' Sick Leave

Representative Robinson of Indiana took

eccasion to attack the proposition granting

thirty days' sick leave to government em-

ployes. He said that the privilege was

given only to those located in Washington,

some twelve or fourteen thousand clerks.

Out of this number Mr. Robinson said

that over 50 per cent took advantage of the

Mr. Robinson stated that although over 50

per cent of the employes always availed

themselves of the sick leave, he did not

notice that there was any decrease in the

death rate among the clerks. He said that

the printers were now asking for the privi-

lege, while employes at navy yards, ar-senals and in the rural free delivery service

were given no leave at all. He thought these clerks should be allowed at least fif-

teen days' annual leave, and declared that

thirty days' leave was enough for any em-

ploye, and opposed the additional thirty days' sick leave.

On the Philippines.

Mr. Kern (Ill.) delivered a general speech

in opposition to the administration's Philip-

military post at Manila, and made it

administration's policy in the Philippines.

BOND OF \$1,000,000.

Corporation Qualifies.

selected as fiscal agent of the government,

at the end of this month. The amount

IN QUARTERLY SESSION.

Meeting of Woman's Missionary So

clety of Presbyterian Church.

The regular quarterly meeting of the

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the

Presbyterian churches of the District was

held this morning at the Eastern Presby-

mrian Church, 6th street and Maryland

avenue northeast. Mrs. John Culbertson.

president of the society, presided over the

Mrs. E. H. Braddock of India, dressed in

the costume of a Hindoo widow, gave a de-

scription of missionary work in India. Mrs.

G. F. Johnston, secretary, rendered a re-

port for the past quarter. Mrs. Charles B.

ing the past quarter, which showed a sum

About 150 delegates were present, repre-

A map of Corea was presented to the so-ciety by Miss Mabel Crissey. Surrounding

INTER-URBAN ELECTRIC LINE.

Proposals for Grading Between This

City and Baltimore.

Proposals have been issued by the Wash-

ington and Annapolis Electric Railway

Company, inviting bids for grading the

proposed roadbed of the line from Chesa-

peake Junction to Westport, a distance of

thirty-one miles. The former point is on the

eastern bounds of the District, where a

junction is to be made with the Washington

Traction system, while the latter is near

Baltimore, at the terminus of the United

awarded some time next month, and then

the work of construction can be begun. Preparations are being made for the issue

of proposals of the branch line to Annap-

Recommends Promotions.

Chief Engineer Robert W. Dutton of the

fire department has recommended to the

Commissioners that Watchman Era L. Mof-

fett be promoted to be a private in the de-

partment and that Richard L. Trice be ap-

appointed a watchman, vice Moffett. These

promotions are to take effect the 24th in-

stant and are due to the promotion of Pri-

entering the department Mr. Bieber has

een assigned to duty as assistant fire mar-

new fire marshal will be assigned at this

Bill to Prevent Docking of Horses.

The District Commissioners have recommended to the District Senate committe

favorable action on Senate bill 190, intro-

duced last month by Senator Gallinger, en-

titled "A bill to prevent cruelty to certain

animals in the District of Columbia." The

bill is popularly known as the docked horse

tall act. The Commissioners recommend several unimportant changes in the word-

To Pay Freedman's Bank Depositors.

Representative Prince of Illinois has in-

troduced a bill authorizing the commis-

sioner of the Freedman's Savings and Trust

Company to pay to all depositors of the

Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, whose accounts have been properly verified

and balanced, a sum of money equal to the verified balances due said depositors from the company at the time of its failure,

lest the amount of dividends which have been or may be declared from the assets of said company. For this purpose an appre-priation of \$1,000,000 is authorized by the

Representative Henry C. Smith of Michi-

ing of the measure.

It is stated that no assistant to the

is expected the contract will be

map are Corean symbols representing

in the city and adjacent country.

the earth and sky.

Hippolyte Hardy, secretary of the

ing the troubles in China.

will be \$85,000.

meeting.

bring all these lands under irrigation.

cently formulated irrigation bill.

of western arid lands would not constitute

another generation in torpor or misery."

arid lands in the west.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The Annual Meeting of the National The House, without preliminary business today, went into committee of the whole Board of Trade. and resumed the general debate upon the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. Mr.

position to the government entering at this ITS MISSION NOT YET ACCOMPLISHED time upon a scheme for the irrigation of

St. Louis' Proposition to Dissolve the Organization Discussed.

FOR BETTER SERVICE

The annual meeting of the national board of trade, which began today at 12 o'clock in the banquet hall of the Shoreham, in this city, brought together a goodly number of the representatives of commercial bodies throughout the United States. For thirtyone years this organization has had these annual conferences, when questions of importance to the business interests of the country have been discussed, and in this way information of much value has been made available for the information of Congress. About forty organizations were represented by delegates at the meeting today. The Washington Board of Trade sent as delegates Dr. A. P. Fardon, S. W. Woodward, Archibald Greenless and W. P. Van

The conditions under which the board met this year in one detail differed sadly from those of any previous meeting since its formation, for during the year the vener-able president, Mr. Frederick Fraley, passed away. He was the first and only presiding officer of the organization, and up to 1896 he had been able to preside over the as-semblages. The infirmities of age, however, kept him away only during the past five years, and as he was ninety-seven years old when he died he was looked upon as a most remarkable man. Each year the board has re-elected him as its presiding officer.
At the opening of the session this morn it was stated that the executive council at its session today had decided to rec ommend for temporary chairman Mr. Alden Speare of Boston, and upon motion this choice was ratified and Mr. Speare took the chair. In a few words he expressed his appreciation of the honor. A committee on credentials, of which Dr.

privilege, which cost the government over \$3,000,000 annually. He declared that the privilege was abused to the fullest extent. Declaration Against Anarchy. The report of the executive council was read by the secretary, Mr. W. R. Tucker, which, after an appropriate reference to the death of President McKinley, urged that united effort should be made by the various governments of the world to repress anarchy. A tribute was also paid to the life and character of Frederick Fraley, the president of the board, who, as stated, dled last May at his home in Philadelphia. Reference was made to some of the matters of importance now pending in Congress, such as the Nicaragua canal bill, the ship subsidy bill and the Pacific cable

A. P. Fardon was chairman, was ap-

Reference was also made to the resolution from the Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis that the national body adjourn sine Mr. Gaines (Tenn.) opposed the item in the bill providing for the establishment of he text for a general denunciation of the pending before the board, the executive council is of the opinion that such action is not advisable. In this connection the report gave a brief outline of the origin and work of the board. It was stated that many of the important questions affecting the manufacturers and the trade and com-Secretary of International Banking merce of the country, which were pending before Congress at the time of the organiernational Banking Corporation, recently zation, have been settled, owing largely to the efforts made by the board. Mention was made of the active efforts of the board has qualified in a bond of \$1,000,000 for the in behalf of the improvement of manufac transaction of business. One of the first tures, commerce and trade, by the in-crease in transportation facilities, in the things the company will do will be to transmit to China the \$376,000 returned to China perfection of the interstate commerce law, y Secretary Long, that amount having standard, its efforts for a bankruptcy law, for reform in the consular service, a department of commerce, and for improvedemnity to this country will be made through the company's agents at Shanghai ment in the regulations for second-class mail matter.

Record of the Board.

The conclusion was reached that the record of the board was one that the business men of the country need not be ashamed of, and that in influencing legislation the organization has accomplished as much as could reasonably be expected, it was declared. In view of the future development industries, the need of such an organization was greater now than ever.

The report recommended the appointment of a committee to report a plan for build-ing up and strengthening the organization. Upon the conclusion of the reading the action upon it under the rules was de-

The report of the treasurer was read by Mr. Tucker, and it showed that the re-ceipts for the year were \$3,240, and that there was a balance on hand of \$794. Pending the preparation of the report of committee on credentials. Mr. Charles B. Murray of Cincinnati read an affection discriminating memoir of the life

of Frederick Fraley. Appreciation was expressed by Andrew Wheeler of Philadelphia, a colleague of Mr. Fraley, for the evidences of respect which had been displayed toward Mr. Fraley during his long connection with the He also spoke of the kind words which had just been spoken.

Report on Credentials.

The report of the committee on credentials was presented by the chairman, Dr. A. P. Fardon, recommending, among other things, that the American Seed Trade Association be admitted to membership. The report was adopted.

Dr. Fardon then extended a cordial invitation to the delegates to attend the annual reception by the Washington Board of Trade at the Arlington Hotel tomorrow evening. He stated that those accepting could secure cards from his colleague, Mr. W. P. Van Wickle. He also extended to local organization in The Star building

The announcements made by Dr. Fardon were received with evidences of appreciaand a resolution of thanks was One of the delegates suggested that as a resolution had been offered by the St. Louis organization that the national board cease to exist the election of officers be de ferred until that matter had been considered. It was pointed out by other delegates that as the members of the national board

had been elected for a year its existence was not affected one way or the other by the election of officers. Another delegate expressed the hope that full consideration be given to the St. Louis proposition. For one he believed that there was work for the national body to do, and he was opposed to the St. Louis resolution. Still, he believed in having the matter fully

Finally a resolution was adopted sus-pending the rules and providing that the election of officers be deferred until to-

A motion was adopted providing for a special committee to consider the recommendation of the executive committee that plans be adopted for building up and improving the national body. The chair appointed the following members as the committee: Mr. Parson of St. Louis, Mr. Anderson of Pittsburg, Mr. Day of Cleveland, Mr. Barry of Milwaukee and Mr. Hamlin

Suggestions were made as to enlarging this committee, and one of the delegates thought the function proposed for the spethought the function proposed for the spe-cial committee belonged properly to the executive council, and that suggestions for enlarging the sphere of usefulness of the body should come from the council.

A motion to add five to the committee was lost, and the board took a recess until

2:30 o'clock.

Daily sessions of the board will be held at 10 o'clock and at 2:30 o'clock.

Lieutenant Commander C. C. Rogers has neen detached from the war records office and ordered to the bureau of equipment. Chaplain E. J. Brennan to the Hartford. Lieutenant H. K. Benham, from the

PROSPECT IN REGARD TO THE ISTH-MIAN CANAL.

Significance of the Colombian Revolution-Question Assuming a Political Phase.

Delay, delay, nothing in sight but delay. That is the prospect in regard to the isthmian canal. Viewed from any point, an interminable vista of embarrassments opens before those who are looking for

practical action by this Congress. It is conceded that the latest report of the canal commission must be considered by the Senate, and there is no promise of definite termination of that consideration. It is regarded as ominous that on the very day of the transmission to Congress

of the Panama project, should come news of the spread of revolution in Colombia, threatening the existing government in threatening the existing government in that state, and the same newspapers that printed the recommendations for the Panama route described a naval battle in the harbor of Panama.

The significance of the Colombian revolution is this, that no steps can be taken toward securing the pecessary concessions from Colombian congress of that nation acts. There has been no meeting of the Colombian congress for a year and none is in sight. Two men are asserting claims to the presidency and supporting

claims to the presidency and supporting their contention by force of arms. In this situation it is impossible for the advocates of prompt action to prophesy when a government will be established in

Colombia with which the United States can deal. Annual Rental Instead of Concession.

It is stated further that no concession of territory will be made by Colombia, but that a heavy annual rental will be demanded. The estimates of this range from \$1, 000,000 to \$1,500,000 a year. This sum "capltalized" by the method of the Paname men who "capitalize" the difference be tween the cost of maintaining the Nicar-agua and Panama routes would swell the total cost of the Panama route enormous

The Senate committee is awaiting the re turn of Senator Hanna before acting upor the latest report of the canal commission. Senator Hanna is recognized as the leade of the contingent of senators who are denanding the fullest consideration of the Panama proposition.

A Political Phase.

As intimated in The Star yesterday, the canal question in Congress is rapidly assuming a political phase. The democrats are hastening to "get from under" and allow the republicans to assume the full responsibility for delay. They are not sorry that the chairman of the republican national committee is so prominently identified with the Panama proposition. The sincerest friends of the isthmian cana project in both parties are sorry that pol ities should figure in this hitherto non-par one will have to take the blame if Congres fails to act, and they see that the party in power is likely to be the victim in this re-

HAVE AGREED UPON A BILL

WORK OF COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL GUARDS' ASSOCIATION.

Proposed Change in Existing Law and the Reorganization of State Troops.

The special committee of the National Guards' Association, of which Gen. Charles forenoon and flid not adjourn until 1:30 this afternoon. The session of the committee was held in room 102 at the New Willard. Previously a meeting of the association was held in the ball room, but adjournment was taken until such time as the committee

When the committee took a recess at 1:3 Gen. Dick said that the members had united upon a bill that would be presented to Congress, and which had for its purpose an absolute change of the existing general law pertaining to the National Guard of the several states. The bill that will be presented to Congress means a general reor-ganization of the National Guard and the placing of the state organizations on a uniform footing.

The bill also defines in no indistinct term the relations of the National Guards of the different states with the federal government. The purpose of the proposed change is to increase the efficiency of the National

Guard. Generally Discussed. The discussion of the proposed act was

spirited. Among those who participated were Gen. Harries of the District of Columbia National Guard, Gen. Haynes of Arkansas, Gen. Miller of Pennsylvania and Gen. Appleton of West Virginia. Gen. Dick, as chairman of the House

committee on militia, evinced more than ordinary interest in the discussion, and his parliamentry rulings were such as to afford the fullest discussion of the subject. The association will likely end its work tomorrow. The general impression this aft ernoon was that the action of the committee would be ratifled by the association.

GOV. MURPHY INAUGURATED. Well-Attended Ceremony at Trenton

N. J., Today. TRENTON, N. J., January 21.-The inauguration of Franklin Murphy as governor of New Jersey took place at Taylor's Opera House at noon today in the presence of an audience which filled the building The members of the two houses of legislature occupied seats on the stage. Among those in the boxes were members of Mr. Murphy's family. Gov. Murphy came to Trenton last evening and he and the retiring governor spent the night at the residence of Adjt. Gen. Oliphant. They were escorted to the Opera House by the joint The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Gummere of the suprem court. Retiring Gov. Voorhees in handing to his successor the great seal of the state spoke briefly. The new executive, after he ced to the legislature, made his inaugural address.

House the new governor, retiring Gov. Voorhees, the members of the legislature and state officials were transferred in carthe state house to review the inaugural parade, which included the entire National Guard of New Jersey, under con Brig. Gen. P. F. Wanser, and two divisions of civic organizations. Among the latter were republican organizations from Newark, Jersey City, Elizabeth and other cities.

Pay Piner and Are Rearrested. Bernard Williams and William H. Farrell, the hucksters who were fined \$25 each

in the Police Court yesterday for selling bad eggs, as published in yesterday's Star. paid their fines, and today they were ar-rested on a similar charge by Detectives Frumbo and Tyser. They will be tried tomorrow for an alleged violation of the

morrow for an alreged violation of the health ordinances.

It is charged that they disposed of twenty-five dozen eggs at the Pittsburg cafe, at 25 cents a dozen, and the eggs proved to be unfit for use. The defendants, it is alleged, claimed they were from the country, and sold the eggs cheap on condition that the cafe proprietor would take butter from them each week. Their appearance from they were from the country. from them cach week. Their appearance indicated they were from the country. Inspector Mothershead of the health department is endeavoring to ascertain from what place the eggs were shipped. Missing From His Home

BUSINESS INTERESTS NOTHING BUT DELAY SHE CHARGES FRAUD

Miss Meredith Creates Sensation in Miners' Convention.

PRESIDENT MITCHELL

Alleges That He Covered Up Defalcation of Treasurer.

READS STATEMENT HERSELF

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., January 21 .-Charges against President Mitchell, Secretary Wilson and the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America were the first order of business before the convention this afternoon, and the unexpected announcement that the charges would be taken up caused a flurry of excitement in the convention. President Mitchell, in a voice full of emotion, in addressing the onvention, said: "Gentlemen of the United Mine Workers:

The election of officers was to have been the first thing on the program today, but I have to say with deep feeling and regret that charges have been made by Miss Millie Meredith, an ex-employe of the national loffice, effecting myself as president of the national body, against your national secre tary, Mr. Wilson, and also against the na-tional executive board.

"The time has come for the election of national officers: I am unwilling to have this proceed until these charges have been heard. I therefore ask the convention to hear these charges and I ask Mr. William D. Van Horne of Indiana to take the chair while the charges are being heard." Opposes a Closed Session,

When Mr. Van Horne took the chair Delegate Love of Iowa moved that the convention go into closed session and that all newspaper representatives be excluded while the charges were heard. Delegate Mackay of Pennsylvania op

osed the motion. Delegate Nichols of district No. 9 in the anthracite region said that some delegates antifractic region said that some delegates seemed too anxious to have the charges aired. He thought those making the charges ought to ask permission to appear and make them. A committee was appointed to escort Miss Meredith to the convention half to applying the complete the second seemed to the convention half to applying the second seemed to the convention half to apply the second seemed to the convention half to apply the second seemed to the convention half to apply the second seemed to the convention half to apply the second seemed to anxious the second seemed to anxious to have the charges aired. vention hall to explain her charges.

President Mitchell took a seat back upon the stage and awaited Miss Meredith's

Delegate Reese, on returning to the hall bringing Miss Meredith, said she had pre pared the charges in the form of a type written manuscript. Reese said Miss dith would read the statement and would be at the disposal of the convention.

The reading of the charges presented an

coming.

unusual scene in a miners' convention. Miss Meredith is a tall, slender brunette, of excellent appearance. She was dressed in black and wore a Gainsborough hat as she stepped to the front of the platform and started to read. There were cries of "Louder" from the rear parts of the hall. One delegate moved that Reese read the statement for the young woman, but Miss Meredith insisted on reading the charges and, raising her voice, read in a clear

Miss Meredith's Charges. "Miners," said Miss Meredith, "I wish to read this myself, and then if it has not been heard, some one else may read it."

"Go on, Mollie," put in Acting President Van Horne. Miss Meredith went on and finished her statement. The young woman's statement concerned

the alleged defalcation of ex-Secretarytreasurer Pearce, and alleged that Presi dent Mitchell and Secretary-treasurer Wilfully lied" to the miners' committee a year oks to see how much Pearce's alleged both Mitchell and Wilson sought to protect Pearce, and for that reason did not give out all the facts, and charged that Pearce frequently presented bills for dou-ble the amount of purchases. She also said that Pearce's "extra money" amounted to \$2,000 a year, while Mitchell and Wilson reported that he had taken only \$160. Miss Meredith declared that Mitchell allowed Pearce to go away as a "sick man send in his resignation from French Lick Springs.

CONTINUOUS RAIN.

Predictions That Present Conditions Will Last Until Tomorrow. Pedestrians who chanced to be upon the

streets very early this morning were treat ed to a decidedly wintry aspect. A slight rain had fallen just before dawn, and upon reaching the thoroughly chilled pavements had frozen, forming a thin and very slippery coating of ice over the entire surface. The ice was transparent, and the sidewalks seemed to be only wet. As a result of the icy coating there were many amusing incidents during the morning and not a few bad falls. Horses that were not rough shod had a difficult time in navigating the thoroughfares.

As the morning wore on, however, and the thermometer continued to rise the ice melted, and by the time the office "rush was on the streets the treacherous conditions of the earlier day had gone Washington is being treated today to the

first really hard rain for many weeks. The weather up to this time has been exceptionally fine, and consequently there hardly a complaint to be heard anywhere from the thoroughly wet pedestrians.

According to the weather bureau officials the rain will continue tonight and tomor-row morning. During the night and early hours of the morning there may be oc casional flurries of snow intermingled with the rain. A colder area is creeping in from the west, however, and with the drop in temperature predicted for tomorrow afterprobably some chilly winds.

THE MARINE ENGINEERS. to Be Held Here.

The second day's meeting of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association was called to order at 9:15 o'clock this morning in the Ebbitt House. The election of national officers was held, resulting as follows: George Uhler of Philadelphia, Pa., national president; Frank A. Jones of Alameda, Cal., first vice president; Evans Jenkins of Cleveland, Ohio, second vice president; George A. Grubb, Chicago, Ill., national secretary;

of Wm. Sheffer of Baltimore, Md.; Joseph Brooks of Philadelphia, Pa.; John McG. Sterrett of New York. The national officers were installed by Mr. Wm. Yates of New York. It was decided that the next convention shall be held in this city in January, 1903.

The organization will make an effort to procure some changes in the laws of the lighthouse service tending to better the enlighthouse service tending to better the en-gineer's position. The delegates to the na-tional convention will attend an open meet-ing of Subordinate Association, No. 98, of this city tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Matters of legislation were taken up look-ing to the betterment of officers of the marine service. tion of the national president to attend a local theater tonight in a body.

PURE FOOD EXPOSITION.

Many Washingtonians are enjoying the food exposition at the Light Infantry arnory. Every afternoon and evening the

terested in the production of palatable est than any of its predecessors. Many

dear themselves to their husbands. Every one who attends the pure food show carries away souvenirs in the way of edibles that must of necessity appeal to one who is inclined to be partial to the best things in the way of eating.

Stocks Were Dull and Market Ruled

WM. H. HOFFMEISTER A SUICIDE. Formerly Supreme Recorder of the

Legion of Honor. ST. LOUIS, January 21.-Wm. H. Hoffmeister of St. Louis, ex-supreme recorder of the Legion of Honor, committed suicide at the Planters' Hotel today by shooting

The only witness to the suicide was George M. Ackley of Kansas City. Deputy Coroner Boogher took charge of the

Mr. Hoffmeister was defeated last night for re-election as supreme recorder of the Legion of Honor by C. T. P. White and an entirely new supreme council was elected after a sensational contest. One feature of the struggle was the ar

rest of Otto A. Overbeck, candidate for su-preme chancellor (the highest officer in the order) and leader of the opposition to the administration.

Mr. Overbeck was arrested while on his way to the meeting where the election was At the four courts a complaint was lodged against Mr. Overbeck for carrying concealed weapons. Friends of the Overbeck ticket, however, procured Mr. Overbeck's release on bond and hurried with him to the meeting hall, where they ar-

INTERSTATE COMMERCE BILL. Senator Dolliver to Be Given Charge

rived in time to vote, his one vote being

ecessary to win

of the Measure. CHICAGO, January 21.-When Senator Dolliver reaches Washington he will meet representatives of the executive committee of the interstate commerce law convention and decide whether he will introduce a bill to extend the powers of the interstate commission. The committee, says a Des Moines special to the Chronicle, has been in correspondence with him about the matter and is hopeful that he will decide to take charge of their measure in the Senate. The bill gives power to the commission to make and enforce maximum schedules of ratiroad

Senator Dolliver, who has been considered from the start by the executive com-mittee, has been definitely asked to take charge of the bill, and it is believed by those most concerned in the matter that he

ST. JOHN'S NOT TO BE SOLD. chement Denial of Report Regarding Richmond's Historic Church.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. RICHMOND, Va., January 21.-The re-

port that historic old St. John's Church in this city is to be sold to make room for a commercial block has groused a storm of indignation among the members of that church, and many of the leading business men of the city protest against the publication. The senior warden of the church, Capt. Cyrus Bossleux, was asked what ground there was for such a publication and he promptly and vehemently said the statement was simply a falsehood from be-ginning to end. The church could not be sold except by a special act of the general assembly of Virginia, and it is doubtful if there is a man in the state who would have the temerity to suggest such a thing.
"The ground on which the church stands

was given to the congregation by William Byrd, jr., the founder of Richmond," said apt. Bossieux, "and has been continuously occupied for nearly one hundred and fifts years. It was in that church that Patrick Henry uttered the famous speech that fired the whole of the American continent and resulted in the freedom of the country. It is the cradie of liberty, and the man who would undertake to attempt to put a van-dal hand on it would never live to tell what nappened to him. The church does not owe a cent to any

one on earth for any cause. In the yard surrounding the church are the remains of many who were celebrated for deeds of valor and statesmanship in the days during nd following the war of independence There is no truth in the report, for the mond would not for a moment tolerate the ground or the changing of the building as it

Alleged Violation of Liquor Law. Walter Hawthorne, colored, nineteen years old, was arrested this afternoon by Sergeant Goss and Policeman Hughlett of the sixth precinct and charged with selling liquor Sunday. The warrant in the case alleges a violation of the law under the new code. Hawthorne was employed as bell boy at the Jefferson Hotel, corner of Louisiana avenue and 6th street, and it is illeged that he furnished guests liquor on Sunday. He claimed that he got the liquor

Building Permits Issued. Building permits were issued today as fol-

Miss C. A. Miller, to build two two-story and cellar brick dwellings at 1606 and 1608 3d street northwest; cost, \$6,000. United States Electric Light Co., to make eneral repairs to 313 14th street northwest;

Sarah J. Fields, repairs to 916 I street southeast; cost, \$35.50.

Petition Dismissed.

Justice Bradley, in Equity Court No. 2. has dismissed the petition for annulment of marriage filed last October by Max

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales-Regular call, 12 o'clock m.—Capital Traction 4s, \$2,000 at 107½. National Safe Deposit Co., 0 at 160, 10 at 160. Capital Traction, 7 at 108%, 4 at 108%, 20 at 108%, 20 at 108%, at 108%. 2 at 108%.
Arlington Fire Insurance Co., 5 at 26½. Washing-Arlington Fire Insurance Co., 5 at 26½. Washington Gas, 25 at 70½, 25 at 70½, 25 at 70½, 25 at 70½, 25 at 70½. Mergenthaler Linotype, 1 at 171. American Graphophone Co. Com., 100 at 3¾, 100 at 3¾. After call—Capital Traction, 20 at 108½, 20 at 108½. National Safe Deposit Co., 10 at 160. Columbia Title Ins. Co., 50 at 4¾.
District of Columbia Bends—3.65s, funding, 126 bid.

asked. Metropolitan Cert. Indebt., A, 106 bld, 107½ asked. Metropolitan Cert. Indebt., B, 106 bld, 107½ asked. Columbia 6s, 119% bld, 121 asked. Columbia 2d mort. 5s, 105½ bld, 106½ asked. Columbia 2d mort. 5s, 105½ bld, 106½ asked. Miscellaneous Bonds-Washington Gas Co. 6s, series A, 113½ bld. Washington Gas Co. 6s, series B, 113½ bld. U. S. Electric Light Deb. Imp. 6s, 104 bld. U. S. Electric Light Deb. Imp. 6s, 104½ bld, 105½ asked. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 104 bld, 105 asked. American Security and Trust 4s, 100 bld. Washington Market Co. 1st 6s, 108½ bld. Washington Market Co. Imp. 6s, 108½ bld. Washington Market Co. Exten. 6s, 108½ bld. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 105 bld, 108 asked. American Graphophone Deb, 5s, 100 asked.

Stocks Were Dull and Market Ruled by Professionals.

BIG DEALS HANGING FIRE

Rumored Attack on Missouri Pacific Did Not Materialize.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

conditions this morning, the volume of business shrinking to meager proportions and prices being made almost exclusively by the professional element. London sold some 8,000 shares of various stocks, but there was no significant liquidation. Money rates ruled around 4 per cent, a fair supply of funds under that rate coming into the market at one time. The banks have gained over a million dollars at the subtreasury since last Friday and the flow of

Treasury Department. Should government funds be deposited with the national banks or other measures looking to the overcoming of the present hoarding process be adopted, bankers would see their way clear toward large undertakings. Many meritorous transactions have been forced to wall until the uncertainties of the situation are materially relieved. Should the ways and means committee re-

quantity, there will be continued conservatism in banking circles.

As to the Northern Securities controversy a very careful consideration of all the facts by competent counsel encourage officers of

were made for cash in consequence. President Ripley of Atchison in an inter

more predictions made as to the day-to-day action of the stock named than as to the course of any other property in the market, and not one of them has material-Metropolitan was bought by houses with Philadelphia connections and rumors of valuable rights were to be heard and from sources in which they were credited. Lack-awanna moved up sharply for a gain of 5

American from the list during the day, owing to the small amount now outstanding, but the other Tobacco issues were firm.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL New York Stock Market.

Amalgamated Copper.... 69% Am. Car & Foundry Am. Car & Foundry, pfd American Ice..... Anaconda

Atchison, Top. 4 8, Fe... 74½, 75%

Atch., Top. 4 8, Fe., pfd. 96½, 96½

Baltimore & Ohio. 1013, 102½

Raltimore & Ohio. pfd. 96½, 96½

Brooklyn Rap. Transit. 65% 65%

People's Gas of Chicago Pressed Steel Car..... Reading.....

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Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, January 21.-There were

no noteworthy changes in stock market

money from the interior continues. While routine money conditions are favorable, some of the larger banking interests are holding aloof from the market awaiting possible changes in the policy of the

duce the ways and means committee reduce the war taxes, as is now suggested, such action would be regarded as beneficial to the market outlook. While these matters are pending in Washington, or until their probable disposition becomes a known quantity, there will be recorded.

the company in their conviction that no law has been violated. The time for depositing the stock of the Great Northern Company expires today, and numerous transactions

view today called attention to the fact that his company had full authority to is-sue a mortgage bond instead of the deben-tures offered last week, and that the substitution was made in the belief that the best interests of the shareholders were being maintained. Subsequent criticisms have annoyed the management, particularly those made by holders of the adjustment bonds, but inasmuch as the first intimation of the transaction came from the underwriters of the bonds and not from the officials a fair proportion of the criticism was, at least, not wholly underserved. Reports from the winter wheat belt were more encouraging and stocks in that section were given good support. St. Paul was supported by inside interests and a few of the cheaper issues reflected the presence of a friendly interest. Rumors that an attack would be made upon Mis-souri Pacific during the day resulted in a heavy tone in all the Gould shares, but the threatened attack falled to appear. During the last month there have beer

per cent, but the coal stocks were, in the

Prices rallied on covering during the final hour, but there was no increase in sion business.

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